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VEHICLES IN SAUDI ARABIA, CY 1973

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1. FOLLOWING FIGURES ARE ESTIMATES (DEPT OF PUBLIC SECURITY) AS SAG BEGAN KEEPING REGISTRATION STATISTICS ONLY IN 1971. U.S. SHARE IN PARTICULAR REPRESENTS EMBASSY GUESSTIMATE, AS NO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN DATA ARE AVAILABLE. NOT INCLUDED ARE SAG-OWNED VEHICLES, WHICH ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED.

PRODUCED/	TOTAL REGISTRATION AS OF
ASSEMBLED	AS OF DEC. 31, 1973

	U.S. MADE	TOTAL UNITS
PASSENGER CARS-E	NIL	24,000 122,787
COMMERCIAL VEH-E	NIL	12,000 121,187
TRUCK TRAILERS	NIL	N/A N/A
TOTAL-E	NIL	36,000 242,974

ESTIMATED POPULATION: 5 MILLION

2. FOR SAKE OF CONSISTENCY, BELOW ARE FIGURES FOR 1971 AND 1972, BASED ON ESTIMATED VEHICLE POPULATION IN 1971 AND ACTUAL NEW REGISTRATIONS IN 1972:

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1971 1972

PASSENGER CARS	78,301	92,946
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES	66,467	87,239
TOTAL	144,768	180,185

GESSTIMATED U.S. SHARE OF THE 1971 TOTAL IS ABOUT 30 PER-CENT.

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